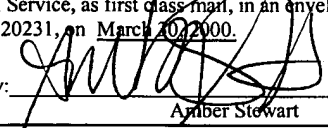


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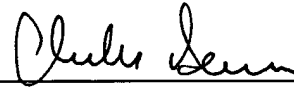
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 30, 1999, kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-23 as follows:

5. A composite material, comprising a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

cellulosic material;

or a mixture of a leather regenerated material or a derivative thereof;

or natural leather;

or cork;

or wood;

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